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MINOR NOTICES.

DR. H. E. HASSE has issued a second edition of his *Lichens of Southern California*. It is reprinted, and unfortunately repaged, from the *Proceedings* of the Southern California Academy. When will authors and publishers learn that a repaged separate is thereby mischievously removed from its proper place in literature and made a source of annoyance whenever occasion arises for citing it? The list itself is useful and the work praiseworthy.—C. R. B.

THE SECOND FASCICLE⁷ of Dr. M. Gürke's continuation of Richter's *Plantæ Europææ* has just appeared. The first fascicle has been reviewed in this journal (24: 122. 1897), and no further explanation is needed as to the occasion and method of the work. The first fascicle presented the Archichlamydeæ from Juglandaceæ to Chenopodiaceæ; the present fascicle continues through Caryophyllaceæ, in fact most of the fascicle is given to this family.—J. M. C.

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE is prompt to take charge of our new domain. Hardly had Hawaii and Puerto Rico come into the possession of the United States before a bulletin (no. 21) on vanilla culture appeared from the Division of Botany, prepared by S. J. Galbraith, a planter in the Seychelles islands, where vanilla is extensively cultivated. It is hoped that both Hawaii and Puerto Rico will be found to furnish suitable conditions for this profitable industry, but warning is given that a very destructive parasitic fungus may accompany the introduced plants unless carefully examined by an expert.—J. M. C.

THE WRITINGS of Professor Beal are well known, and also the service he has rendered to the teaching of botany. His recent little book, entitled "Seed Dispersal,"⁸ is intended to help "young botanists and teachers," and deals with one of the most attractive of botanical subjects. The title is a little misleading, as the book takes a wider range than seed dispersal. For example, vegetative propagation, spore dispersal, and plant migration are all discussed. The author writes in a pleasant, conversational style, and the book should serve its purpose well. The sketches are original, and deal with common plants.—J. M. C.

⁷GÜRKE, DR. M. *Plantæ Europææ. Enumeratio systematica et synonymica plantarum phanerogamicarum in Europa sponte crescentium vel mere inquilinarum. Operis a Dr. K. Richter incepti. Tomus II. Fasc. ii. 8vo. pp. 161-320. Leipzig: Wilhelm Engelmann, 1899. M 5.*

⁸BEAL, W. J. *Seed dispersal. 8vo. pp. vii + 87. Ginn & Co. Boston. 1898.*